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Governor Chamberlain Sworn in at Salem by Chief Justice Moore.

DELIVERS HIS FIRST MESSAGE

Several Recommendations Are Made Affecting the Interests of the People of Astoria.

SALLEM, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—George E. Chamberlain today assumed his duties as governor of Oregon. The installation took place at 2 o'clock, at a joint meeting of the two houses of the legislature, the oath being administered by Chief Justice Moore.

Immediately after the inauguration Governor Chamberlain appointed John Manning as district attorney, a position vacated by Mr. Chamberlain's acceptance of the governorship. All talk of refusal on the part of the republicans to canvass the vote for governor unless Mr. Chamberlain receded from his position that he had the right to name his successor as district attorney turned out to be hot air.

The Portland charter bill passed both houses of the legislature today, going through without a dissenting voice. The inauguration overshadowed the senatorial situation today, but from this on the coming contest will hold the interest of members and lobbyists. That Mr. Fulton's fences are in better shape than those of any other candidate who has been elected in late years is acknowledged and his election is admitted tonight by some of Mr. Geer's supporters.

NEW GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

SALLEM, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—Governor Chamberlain delivered his inaugural address to the members of the two houses soon after the oath of office had been administered to him. The message was sweeping in its scope and somewhat surprising, for the governor recommends the abolition of health officer and boatman at Astoria—positions which, he declared, are filled by the quarantine official at Astoria. He touched on all matters of importance to the state, particularly upon the method now in vogue of collecting state taxes.

Governor Chamberlain denounced the practices of the "crimps" operating at Astoria and Portland, saying the present laws were inadequate to the protection of the shipping interests. He recommended that the legislature should memorialize congress on the subject. "I recommend also that the laws of this state be amended at this session in these particulars: First, create a severer penalty by way of both fine and imprisonment; second, invest the municipalities of Portland and Astoria with broadest authority to enact ordinances on the subject, operative within their corporate limits, not inconsistent with the general purpose and scope of the laws of the state, cutting off the right of appeal in cases arising under such ordinances, thus avoiding delays of which I have spoken."

In discussing the pilotage system of the Columbia river Governor Chamberlain called attention to the report recently circulated that a combination between the Oregon and Washington pilots was talked of, the idea being to raise rates. He pointed out that the Washington rates are much higher than those of Oregon, and urged the legislature to take action that will render impossible a combination such as was talked of a few months ago.

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